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### AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0035] of the specification as provided below:

[0035] Once the inertial valve moves into an "open" position as described above, it will eventually need to move back into a "closed" position so that a stiff damping rate can once again be available for rider-induced forces. Thus, lightweight spring 324 will tend to move the inertial valve 322 back into its closed position. In addition, the return spring surrounding primary tube 302 (~~not shown~~ Figures 8-11) will pull piston rod 310 and piston 308 in an upward direction out of lower fluid chamber 314. In response to the motion of piston 308 and to the compressed gas in gas chamber 330, fluid will tend to flow from remote fluid chamber 332 back to lower fluid chamber 314 (across connector hose 306).